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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Office Action for a Taiwanese patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of the references cited by the Examiner in the enclosed Office Action.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that present filing of the enclosed documents is clearly timely.

See 37 CFR §1.97(b).

In any event, the following Statement is made under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1);

Taking into account 37 CFR §1.7, it is stated by the undersigned that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, taking into account that the three-month date from the enclosed Office Action was May 17, 2003, a Saturday.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the English abstract for Japanese Patent Document No. 9-194824.

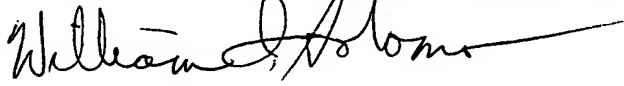
Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135
(Case No. 566.41259X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit
Account.

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